

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

U.S. Synthetic Corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

Fujian Wanlong Superhard Material
Technology Co.,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:20-cv-03975

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s Order dated January 25, 2021 (Dkt. #20) (“Order”) staying this matter, Plaintiff U.S. Synthetic Corporation and Defendant Fujian Wanlong Superhard Material Technology Co., Ltd. hereby jointly submit this report on the status of the related United States International Trade Commission (“ITC” or “Commission”) Investigation No. 337-TA-1236 (“ITC Investigation”), which was the basis for the stay of this suit.

On December 29, 2020, the Commission instituted the ITC Investigation pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1337). 85 Fed. Reg. 85662 (Dec. 29, 2020). On February 19, 2021, the Commission notified the parties that the target date for the ITC Investigation is May 20, 2022, and the Final Initial Determination is due by January 21, 2022. The Administrative Law Judge has informed the parties that these dates are subject to change because of restrictions and uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, the ITC Investigation, including discovery in the matter, is in its initial stages and ongoing.

Per the Court’s Order, the parties will continue to notify the Court of the status of the ITC Investigation every 60 days after this status report.

Dated: April 2, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 2nd day of April 2021, I caused the foregoing to be filed electronically with the Clerk of Court and to be served via the Court's CM/ECF system upon all counsel of record.

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